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EXPLODING A THEORY – Elk Point Elementary School students Kennady Pierce (left) and Hailey Danyluk demonstrated for Science Fair visitors what happens when you mix hydrogen peroxide, dry yeast, dish soap, warm water and food coloring in a soda bottle, to result in a foamy explosion that came close to overflowing the cake pan beneath.

Vicki Brooker photo

Scientists, artists showcased at EPE

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

A long line of intriguing science projects took centre stage in the Elk Point Elementary School gym on Tuesday, March 3, with eight of a total of 19 projects by students in Grades 3 to 6 qualifying for Awards of Excellence.

Three of those awards went to Grade 3 students. Jordan Van der Hoek displayed his work on 'Planes and Gliders', while Heidi Sibal investigated 'Water in Orange' and Avree Lesyk created a colourful display on 'Fizzy Fun'. Other Grade 3 displays included Olivia Gardner and Mackinley Gibson-Blacklock with 'Slime Time', Anton Bezpalchuk and Maxime Ourellet with 'Electrical Circuits' and Travis Petruk with 'Mentos and Pop'.

Two Grade 4 projects, where Dallas Vanwyck and Jackson Rawlake explored 'Fluid Dynamics' and Tenley Krankowsky and Emily Hammond created a 'DIY Projector', also won the awards, while fellow Grade 4 student Chrystara Andrews discussed 'How Dinosaurs Went Extinct'.

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Busy spring, summer coming up for chamber members

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Coming events and province-wide decisions were at the forefront for Elk Point and District Chamber of Commerce at last week's meeting.

The chamber is gearing up for the Third Annual Spring Fling, the second year that the event will bring wrestling to town, this year hosting the Prairie Wrestling Alliance 'Frontiers'. President Terri Hampson told members at last Wednesday's meeting that sponsorships and VIP tables are now being made available and that ticket sales will start in early April.

The chamber also has a handsome new logo, with Romy Matthiessen of Little Bird Designs winning the contest, Hampson said.

Three provincial government decisions were brought to the chamber's attention. With camping season just over two months away, recreation at one lake in the area just got more difficult, with

the announcement that the Kehiwin Provincial Recreation Area was on the list of campgrounds to be completely closed to public access.

With that site having the only boat launch on the lake for watercraft larger than canoes and kayaks, this would also have a detrimental effect on the use of the Elks Wilderness Park on the west side of the lake, and prevent access to the lake for fishing. The chamber voted to send a letter explaining the matter to Alberta Parks, with copies to go to MLA David Hanson, the Town of Elk Point, County of St. Paul and the Elk Point Elks Lodge.

Play2Learn Day Care has been approved for another year of \$25 per day child care, Melanie Poulin reported, but the accreditation and coaching program that has been in place for 16 years is coming to an end as part of the province's move to cut red tape. Changes to the provincial Child Care Act are also in the works, and she is hopeful that this will be beneficial. She added that the facility is planning to have a summer program once

again this year.

The province's public library service is also undergoing changes, which Hampson said will effect all 11 libraries in the Northern Lights Library System with the discontinuation of the courier service meaning more van runs to deliver inter-library loan material.

On the local scene, upcoming events include a fly-in breakfast at Elk Point Airport that is now tentatively on the calendar for the day of the Auto Club's Show and Shine, June 6.

Recreation director Cristin Tchir told the chamber that plans have now been firmed up for the entertainment for Canada Day, which will not only include country singer Ryan Lindsay, but also a children's talent show and the return of the pie eating contest. Plans to purchase a High Striker midway game have been shelved, due to a lack of sponsorship, but the committee has been successful in obtaining a federal grant for this year's event. In the more immediate future, she reminded everyone about the

Escape Room, coming to the area by the EcoCentre on March 27, with 24 spots available by pre-registration.

Cornerstone Co-op manager Nathan Parsons told the chamber that the food store is extending its hours to 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily as of March 29, after "crunching numbers" and finding that store traffic has increased by 150 customers per week since the start of 2020. To mark Earth Day on April 22, the store will be promoting bringing in plastic grocery bags for recycling and encouraging the use of reusable bags.

Close on the heels of Earth Day comes the deadline for income tax filing, and the staff from Givens LLP reminded those who do their own returns to make sure to go to Schedule 14 and check the appropriate box indicating that the sender is a resident of a small or rural community, thus qualifying for an increased climate rebate.

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Scientists

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Marek Welch won the lone Grade 5 Award of Excellence with a project on 'Colour Transfer', other Grade 5 exhibits coming from Jacob Petruk with 'Blowing Up a Balloon With Vinegar and Soda', Kennady Pierce and Hailey Danyluk mixing up colorful concoctions in a 'Foamy Explosion' and Amber Gilbert, who determined 'Who Has the Best Water in Elk Point?'

Grade 6 awards went to Duanne Rivera and his 'Homemade Insect Repellent' and to Kayl Warawa and Adasyn Havener, who answered the question, 'What Will Fall Faster?'

using everything from eggs to hockey pucks. Other Grade 6 scientists included Robyn Urquhart's answer to "Do different marble sizes affect the speed of the marble?" Vanessa Ginez with an explanation of 'The Kave Effect', Jemimah Ashaoul with 'The Power of Hydraulic' and Alic Kulczycki and Magni Miller with 'Surface Tension'.

Those weren't the only scientists in the lineup, either. The two Kindergarten classes combined for a display on 'Keeping Ice from Melting', Grade 1 students created a display on 'Color Mixing' and Grade 2A and Mrs. Osinchuk

collected data for a display on 'Weather Comparison'. Grade 4 students also created a variety of optical devices for a display called 'Lights and Shades'.

Art created by the entire student body filled the arena walls and also included displays of three dimensional models and dioramas.

The Science Fair and art show was once again combined with the annual Book Fair, which filled the school's library with eager browsers and buyers, who formed a long line up the stairs to pay for their purchases.



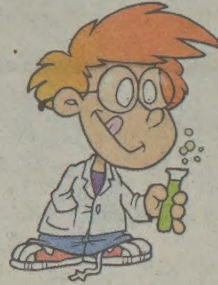
DYNAMIC DUO - Jackson Rawlake and Dallas Vanwyck explored Fluid Dynamics to win one of two Awards of Excellence for Grade 4 students, with their answer to the question, 'Can you throw air?' showing that it all depends on the container holding that the air.

Vicki Brooker photo



CLOSING THE CIRCUIT - Anton Bezpalchuk and teammate Maxime Ouellet (not shown) created an electrical circuit in their Grade 3 Science Fair experiment.

Vicki Brooker photo



FOCUS ON FLIGHT - Grade 3 Award of Excellence winner Jordan Van der Hoek studied planes and gliders and the forces that keep them airborne in his Science Fair display.

Vicki Brooker photo



SIXTH GRADE SCIENTISTS Adasyn Havener (left) and Kayl Warawa explain their somewhat spilly experiment to a Science Fair visitor, after determining which would fall first: an egg, a hockey puck or a ball cap to win an Award of Excellence.

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SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE was part of the display at the Scholastic Book Fair held in conjunction with the Science Fair and Art Show.

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Area park on provincial closure list

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

A list of 20 provincial parks slated for full closure and 164 sites proposed for partnerships released by the Government of Alberta last week includes a handful of local camping areas, such as Kehiwin PRA (Provincial Recreation Area), Mallaig PRA, Muriel Lake PRA and Wolf Lake PRA.

Upon hearing the news of the closures, the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce has decided to move forward with speaking out on the issue, specifically regarding the Kehiwin PRA located along Highway 41.

Kehiwin PRA is on the list of one of the locations that is to be closed for the 2020 summer season.

Terri Hampson, President of the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce, said, "From an employment and recreation perspective, this is another hit to rural Alberta communities that are important economic driver to overall health of our province."

The closure is something that doesn't make sense to Hampson, considering the government has committed to focusing on tourism in the province.

"Parks are one of the backbones of the tourism industry," noted Hampson, adding, "I would question where the public consultation was regarding these site closures and 'partner opportunities', which really means privatization and no guarantee they will stay as parks."

Hampson would like to know what documentation was used to prove the parks on the list are in fact underutilized.

"Specifically to Kehiwin Park, it is unfortunate that it is on the fully closed list. There was always someone there when I passed by during the summer months, and I know many local groups not only went for daytrips, but for weekend getaways close to home."

Hampson explained that the other side of the lake also has a campground, which is run by the Elk Point Elks Lodge.

"We hope they will be busier now with this announcement, so we must look to the positive if there is one for this decision."

When asked for comment on the issue, Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul MLA David Hanson said, "Kehiwin



ELK POINT ELKS WILDERNESS PARK is located across the lake from the Kehiwin Lake Provincial Recreation Area, and while it will open as usual, it could suffer from a lack of campers this year if boat launch access is cut off by the recreation area's closure.

File Photo

was found to be under utilized, mostly (being used) just for lake access, which I understand will remain. The goal was to find savings in every department, including parks."

Other sites

The Mallaig PRA is located on the north side of Vincent Lake. In the past, the camping area has been operated by the Mallaig Chamber of Commerce, according to information received from Alberta Parks and the County of St. Paul.

When asked about the history of the campground, County of St. Paul CAO Sheila Kitz confirmed that the Mallaig Chamber operates the park. "A couple of years ago, there was some discussion that the County take it over, but the Mallaig Chamber was able to renew their

lease and are continuing to operate," she added.

Mallaig is included on the list of parks that will be looking to partnerships or alternative management. Other parks on this list in the northeast area include Muriel Lake PRA and Wolf Lake PRA.

Muriel Lake PRA has been closed for a number of years, according to Alberta Parks, and Wolf Lake has been divested to the MD of Bonnyville under a long-term lease agreement. Alberta Parks is not involved in site maintenance or operation. The MD of Bonnyville operates the campground.

Any groups interested in finding out more about what partnership or other management opportunities might look like can visit: Parks Partnerships Information, www.albertaparks.ca/working-together.

Busy Spring

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Community Futures is adding Elk Point to their Lemonade Day circuit, where young entrepreneurs across northern Alberta learn business basics and win prizes for the best stand and the best lemonade. Coming up later in the summer is the return of Open Farm Days, and Community Futures has once again applied for a grant to expand the program in this area, last year's grant funding a bus that took 40 people on a tour of venues around the area. This year, Fort George and Buckingham House provincial historic site, whose Friends group hosts an annual Saskatoon Pie Day featuring local berries, is hoping to be part of the event.

Realtor Desiree Maas noted that now "Spring has sprung," those selling homes may be eager to sell, "but I think competition will be steep," with only 13 homes sold in Elk Point in 2019.

Spring also brings community cleanup time, and the Town of Elk Point will again be scheduling their back

alley cleanup week to facilitate spring yard cleaning. CAO Ken Gwozdz also indicated that the County of St. Paul will be accepting refrigerators and freezers at the transfer station at no cost between May 11 and 23. With spring and summer's increasing workload, the town has been approved for two positions for Métis workers, with one of those filled to date.

Gwozdz was also happy to report that the town's new "more transparent and more user friendly" website will be ready to roll out in about three weeks. He was not happy to report a five per cent decrease in assessment, which adds challenges to budget preparations, but "we're trying our best."

President Hampson attended a recent recycling conference as part of her town council duties and found it very interesting, including tours of a number of facilities that endeavor to keep reusable materials out of landfills.

Trip of the Month

SANDIE BISHOP

Community Lions of Elk Point

Scottsdale, Arizona has sunshine, golf, spring training, spas, art, shopping... and Shauna Kinjerski has the ticket to all the fun! This Elk Point local was our Trip of the Month winner for February.

Meanwhile, Carolyn Penosky and Matt Abbott have the opportunity to spend their cash prizes here at home.

Next month, we're sending someone to Victoria, B. C. where spring has already begun!

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Kehewin Lake access is a must

It is one thing that we have been restricted on the species of fish we were allowed to keep from Kehewin Lake in recent years, but another thing entirely that the Kehewin Provincial Recreation Area is slated for complete closure this year, unless someone wants to take over its operation.

That closure, which according to a map on the Alberta Parks website is the only one in the whole area slated for that degree of closure, would mean that there is no place on that lake to launch any boat larger than a canoe or kayak, with even small aluminum fishing boats unable to launch on the west side near the Elks Wilderness Park.

The Elks facility has great campsites, but without a launch available, they may be very empty this year. Here's hoping for a resolution to this dilemma.

RECREATION CORNER

Summer WILL come!

CRISTIN TCHIR
Recreation Coordinator

I hope everyone is surviving our second winter, or is it the third? I've lost count. Regardless of our Alberta winters, eventually summer will come, fingers crossed...

With that, Canada Day planning is well under way, we have our main stage entertainer booked, Ryan Lindsay, he's originally from Wainwright and he recently won the ACMA Rising Star Award! We are excited to bring his talents to our stage!

Speaking of talent, the Play 2 Learn Daycare is planning a kids' talent contest. If you'd like to sign your child up please contact the daycare, they have a post on their Facebook page. It would be great to see our youth up showcased, if you know of anyone, pass this information on please. Thanks to the Golden Loaf Bakery's donation of pies again this year, we will be doing another pie eating contest, it was so fun to watch, if this is something you want to join, practice up!

We've booked our inflatables as well as fireworks, last years show was a beautiful ending to a terrible day, weather wise. I hope everyone's praying for beautiful weather this year, if you're not, please start! I'm praying for 24 degrees and partly cloudy.

Have you heard that the Recreation Committee is bring two escape rooms to Elk Point on March 27th? It's recently been posted on the Town's Facebook page. Each room is booked for 20-minute time slots starting at 3:00 and ending at 6:40 p.m. This is an all ages event as the room difficulty will be adjusted per group age, children eight and under need to be accompanied by an adult, but parents of older children can sign them up and send them down. To sign up, please contact me personally at 780-614-5281. After you book your time you will need to pay at the town office, it's a very small fee, more information can be found on our social media sites, or look out for posters around town. I'm excited to see if I can escape, hope you join in on the fun too!

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1990

At the Elk Point 4-H Multi Club speak off, Dorothea Naber placed first and Carrie Piotrowski second in the Junior division, Elena Drobot first and Jodi Vogel second in the Senior group. District Agriculturalist Kirsty Piquette spoke to the chamber of commerce on the outlook for the farming industry, with weather around the world affecting the price of grain and oilseeds.

1995

Singer and songwriter Travis Pankiw won the Youth Talent Quest and the right to represent the area at a further competition at Klondike Days with his original song, "When Tears Start to Fall." Senior 4-H member David Naber and junior Peter Danyluk would go on to District Public Speaking competition after edging out Kyle Bintz and Janelle Ryks in the Elk Point Multi Club speak off.

2000

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce had great response to their Service Best seminar, 34 participants

signed up for the one-day workshop. The Canadian Union of Public Employees dispatched ambulances from Canada's east and west coasts to Alberta, "scene of the emergency" regarding the public health system, Elk Point hospital staff joining them with pickets and placards asking for a stop to for-profit health care.

2005

Elk Point Community Choir and Friends presented "Anne of Green Gables," at their dinner theatre, with Erin Mueller in the starring role as pigtailed orphan Anne Shirley. The proposed purchase of the former Myrnam train station as a tourist information centre and office brought a crowd to the chamber of commerce meeting, with enthusiasm for the project.

2010

An arrest-a-thon brought citizens before a judge on trumped-up charges to raise funds for the Water Spray Park, frantic phone calls going out to friends in search of bail. New chamber of commerce vice-president Debra McQuinn and treasurer Geoff Hyslop were put to work at their first meeting, Hyslop to obtain a computerized accounting program and price out computers, and McQuinn reporting on table sales for an upcoming fundraiser.

2015

Elk Point Junior Crusaders celebrated their St. Paul Athletic Association victory over Mallaig, with Sydney Letwin, who shot the winning basket, proudly holding up the SPAA banner and all her teammates sporting their gold medallions. Elk Point Chamber of Commerce headed into a busy year with an upsurge of enthusiasm, new president Jonny Nielsen and new members on board and former members back and ready to take part in upcoming projects.

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On Wednesday, March 4, 2020 Helen Havener of Elk Point passed away peacefully in the Elk Point Health Centre at the age of 82 years. Helen will be forever loved and remembered by her Children Kärren (Cliff) Richards, Lynne Havener (Raymond Martin), Terri (Mike) Breen, Steven (Marg) Havener; 14 Grandchildren; 25 Great-Grandchildren; Siblings Dorothy LaForge, Carol Stienke, Barb Wendt, Ted Wendt; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Helen was predeceased by her Husband Roland; 2 Sons Gary and Chris; Daughter Amber; Grandson Dalton; Sister Joyce; Brothers William, Neil, Robert and Douglas. In keeping with her wishes cremation has taken place and a family service will take place at a later date. If so desired donations in memory of Helen may be made to STARS.

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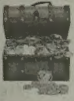
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ELK POINT OIL BARONS Pond Hockey has had a great year, and will wind it all up with their annual tourna-
ment on March 21. Come on down to the A. G. Ross Arena and cheer them on!

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Bantam Avalanche headed to Tier 3 Provincials

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

They played in Tier 4 all year, but the Elk Point Bantam Avalanche will be carrying the North Eastern Alberta Hockey League banner to Tier 3 Provincials in Edmonton, March 20 to 22, after defeating Onion Lake Border Chiefs two games straight last week.

As the top two teams at the conclusion of the NEAHL schedule, the Avalanche and Border Chiefs were required to play off to move up a tier, the league not having a Bantam Tier 3 this year.

The Avalanche headed to Onion Lake Arena on Thursday evening for the first game of the best-of-three series, where 'Mic Jager' Fontaine racked up a first period hat trick, unassisted, before the home team even hit the scoreboard.

The Chiefs' first goal of the evening, just over seven minutes into the second frame, was answered a minute later by Josef 'Big Red' Theriault, assisted by 'Mic Jager', who would add another unassisted goal in the final minute of the period, to take the Avs to the dressing room with a 5-1 lead.

The Chiefs scored their second goal early in the third, before 'Mic Jager' scored his fifth of the evening off an assist by CeaJay 'Quick Draw' Quinney, and assisted Sam 'Spiderman' Rogal on another within less than a minute. That dynamic duo added the final goal of the game with 1:10 left on the clock to wrap up the game with an 8-2 score in favour of the Avalanche.

Friday night saw the Avs and Chiefs face off at the A. G. Ross Arena in the second game of the series, with 'Mic Jager' continuing his winning streak with two goals in the first period, assisted by Landon 'the Magnificent' Malachowski and 'Big Red' in the first and Seth 'Motorman' Morton and 'St. Nic' Penner in the second, before the Chiefs were able to sneak the



WE WON! WE WON! – Elk Point Bantam Avalanche celebrates their North Eastern Alberta Hockey League championship win over Onion Lake Border Chiefs on Friday night, which moved them up from Tier 3 to Tier 4 and sends them off to Provincials in Edmonton.

Melissa Rogal photo

puck past Avs goalie Vanden 'Super Mario' Moroziuk. Dean 'the Machine' Ockerman would add one more to the tally before the first intermission, assisted by who else but 'Mic Jager' and 'Quick Draw' Quinney.

The Avalanche entered the second period with a 3-1 lead, but 'Mic Jager' hadn't had enough scoring yet, adding his hat trick goal, unassisted, within the first five minutes of play, before both goalies shut the gate on scoring for the 34-plus minutes remaining in the game, the Avalanche winning this one 4-1 to take the North East Amateur Hockey League Tier III banner in two games straight.

The NEAHL summary of the season shows that Avalanche finished the season undefeated, with 20 wins, no losses or ties, 11 points ahead of the second

place Border Chiefs, who had 14 wins, two losses and a tie. They also had two players in the top five, with 'Mic Jager' Fontaine the league leader with an incredible 70 goals and 46 assists, and his brother, 'Kid Kade' Fontaine in fourth place with 31 goals and 26 assists. CeaJay 'Quick Draw' Quinney, Sam 'Spiderman' Rogal, Dean 'the Machine' Ockerman, Brady 'Bionic Man' Hyman and Seth 'Motorman' Morton also made it into the top 25 players in the 11-team league. Vanden 'Super Mario' Moroziuk topped the list of goalies, stopping an incredible 237 of 261 shots in the regular season and recording an impressive number of shutouts.

Letestu back on ice

Mark Letestu of the Winnipeg Jets was back on the ice last week for his first practice with the team since he was sidelined with a heart virus called myocarditis, an inflammation of the heart muscle, after just seven games of the 2019-2020 season. The problem was discovered during pre-season screening, and confirmed by further tests at the Mayo Clinic, shutting down his season for what was expected to be six months. However, recent tests gave him a clean bill of health and he returned to the ice to practice with the team, although he won't be back in full action until he's had the opportunity to get into game shape, according to news reports.

Sure sign of spring

With spring just over a week away, it's no huge surprise to see baseball skills camps popping up on the calendar. There's a softball skills camp on April 18 and 19 and a Canpitch camp on May 2 and 3, contact D'Arcy Evans for details at 780-888-6234.

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